(d) the action Government propose to take to ensure that the admissions in the privately-owned reputed schools is made simpler and the system simplified and a check is prescribed against their exploiting the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Payment made by KVS to computer Agency

81. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of payment made per application by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to computer agency in Delhi for processing applications for posts of teachers advertised in 1996;

(b) whether this rate was very high as compared to the earlier ones; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and justification for increase, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The work of processing of applications for the post of the teachers during 1996-97 has been awarded to the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, an autonomous body under Department of Personnel & Training. The rate per application charged is Rs. 7/-, keeping in view the workload and cost of manpower required for this purpose.

Conversion of castle rock and Vasco-da-Gama Rail Line

82. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the rail line between Castle Rock and Vasco-Da-Gama in South Central Railway proposed to be converted; and

(b) the target date for completion of the project and budget sanctioned for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 87 kms.

(b) (i) The work will be completed by 31.3.97.

(ii) Rs. 86 crores has been provided in 1996-97.

Gauge Conversion of Dimapur-Dibrugarh and Tinsukia-Lekhapani Rail Line

83. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work between Dimapur and Dibrugarh and Tinsukia and Lekhapani has made some progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some other gauge conversion projects undertaken in Assam are under progress; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for each and the time by which each of these projects will be completed, alongwith amount to be spent on each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The track linking is in progress and the work is expected to be completed by 31.3.97.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The projects are Furkating-Mariani loop and Simalguri-Moranhat which are expected to be completed by Dec. '98 and Lumding-Silchar which is expected to be completed by the end of the 9th Plan period. The cost of these projects are Rs. 551.93 crs. and Rs. 677.75 crs. respectively.

'Own Your Wagon Scheme' for big industrial units.

84. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn a schme to have 'own your wagon scheme and offered to various big industrial units in the country;